

SOCIETY

As early as some weeks ago, a lady, entering the Sixth Street Market, paused before the stand of a vendor of evergreens to examine a holly branch which formed its chief attraction. The branch evidently had been broken from a young tree which had probably been hopelessly disfigured and maimed by such spoliation. As the lady turned away from the stall, with the shining green leaves and the scarlet berries in her hand, she was struck with a sense of keen and poignant regret in feeling that she bore an evidence that the season for the annual slaughter of the Christmas evergreens was again approaching.

Americans are regarded by all other nations as being extravagant and wasteful to a degree, especially so in the squandering of the rich natural resources by which they have, from the days of the founding of the nation, been surrounded. The Christmas evergreens for many years were used only in household or church decoration at Christmas, and were then gathered in with due care and circumspection. But recently the spirit of hater and hate, which has spared no tender or beautiful or reverent feeling of association and sentiment, has laid its ruthless hand upon the holly, the fir, the ground pine and the cedar, and year by year the work of hacking and hewing and packing and shipping has increased, until the extermination of these beautiful forest and holiday evergreens seems not only a possible but a probable thing, and at no very distant date.

An Audubon Society has been formed to protect the beautiful song birds and household birds of the United States from the land of the vandal, ever cut-throated to destroy. The game laws conserve other wilder species. But the forest laws are lacking or are so poorly framed that they are ineffective to prevent or to check vandalism as applied to trees, and especially to the rarer kinds of evergreens. Women are interested naturally in these conservation of whatever is beautiful, as well as useful, in forest life. They cherish with pride all that is intimately connected with the history and romance of the forest. From the days when the eyes of seafaring Englishmen rested with delight upon the overhanging boughs of the trees at Jamestown Island, Virginia women have fostered their planting and growth about the homes over which they have presided as mistresses, and along the streets and in the parks of the cities which have sprung up on Virginia soil since the landing at Jamestown in 1607. Beginning with the earliest days of the Virginia colonies, Christmas celebrations have formed an important part of the home and social life. The little church at Jamestown, toward which the colonists wended their way when the bells rang out for Christmas service, was from its first building fragrant with the perfume of ground pine and cedar wreaths and bright with the gleam of holly berries and leaves at this festive period. In the thatched-roof homes at Jamestown the women were usually full of the thought of Christmas keeping in "Merry England," beyond the distant seas, and hands were busy at transplanting Christmas from England to Virginia, so that whatever might be the cares and burdens from without, within there was an air of festivity in harmony with the most joyous season of the year.

Later, when plantation life converted Virginia into a real English community, and the burning of the Yule log was followed by dining and dancing and merry-making in spacious plantation houses, belles and their cavaliers walked minuets under the mistletoe, and halls and drawing-rooms were decorated with the bright red and green of the holly and the darker background of the aromatic cedar. Holly, as every one knows, is the symbol or sign of Christmas. But the origin of its use at this season is lost in the mists of the past.

The patronesses of the German for this season are Mrs. R. Carter Scott, Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Mrs. William S. P. Mayo, Mrs. T. Moncreux Perkins, Mrs. John T. Anderson, Mrs. William H. Palmer, Mrs. Levin Jones, Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, Mrs. Edward C. Mayo, Mrs. Edmund O. McCabe, Mrs. Edward J. Willis and Mrs. A. S. Burford, Jr.

The group is made up of representative society women and leaders of the smart social set in Richmond. The debutantes, many of whom will be present at this dance, always considered the formal opening event of the winter season, are a charming group of girls, numbering Misses Edith Ingram, Susie McGuire, Barbara Trigg, Frances Myers, Helen Adams, Bertie Hamilton, Edith Taylor, Ella Buck, Lora Crump, Mary Taylor, Peachy Fleet, Martha Martin, Josephine Ellett, Claire Smith, Emily Miller, Julia Palmer Cono, Stella Moore, Eleanor Lindsey, Grace Neal, Virginia Watkins, Virginia Whiteley, Anne Keith Royall, Dudley Powers, Helen Taunton, Mary Crump and Elizabeth Brown, of Bedford county.

The officers and executive committee of the Richmond German include Mr. R. Carter Scott, president; Mr. Levin Jones, vice-president; Mr. George Melville Reid, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Jo Lane Stern, Mr. John Currie, Mr. Joseph E. Willard, Mr. John T. Anderson and Mr. H. W. Ellerson.

The membership list, with the names of a number of members not entering into its social activities omitted, is otherwise made up of Thomas Attkin, Archer Anderson, Jr., Joseph R. J. Anderson, John T. Anderson, Charles J. Anderson, Henry W. Anderson, Charles B. Antrim, Otto M. Alfriend, John K. Branch, Thomas Bolling, A. Belne Blair, W. Harrison Blair, Lewis H. Blair, A. S. Burford, Jr., Percy S. Boster, Lewis H. Boster, H. Godwin Boykin, A. J. Battle, Jr., Frank B. Blankenship, H. E. Baskerville, Charles Bruce, Richard E. Boyd, Thomas N. Carter, Charles V. Carrington, Henry P. Carrington, Robert B. Campbell, Robert G. Cabell, John Currie, David M. Currie, P. St. George Cooke, W. Dewey Cooke, John A. Coke, Gideon A. Davenport, C. E. Doyle, H. W. Ellerson, Harry Frazier, Beverly Fleet, John G. Garland, I. W. Fuller, W. Douglas Gordon,

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On Monday afternoon at half-past 4 the Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd will address the members of the Woman's Club on "The Emancipation of Woman."

On Wednesday afternoon, also at half-past 4, the history class will meet to hear Mrs. J. Calvin Stewart's opinion of "Madame de Maintenon, the Political Woman."

As the fourth Friday of this month happens to be Christmas Day, the whist tournament scheduled for that date will be advanced one week, and will take place on the 18th instant. Compass whist will be played.

Mr. and Mrs. Senff Here. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Senff, of New York, who have been spending some months at their Virginia home, "Curtis Neck" and "Warren," are at the Jefferson for a few days.

Mrs. Senff stopped over to attend the December meeting of the Virginia Colonial Dames, held in Woman's Club Friday afternoon. She is a Virginia Dame by virtue of her connection with the Wallaces, Johnstons and other old Virginia families.

Mrs. Senff is remembered as the hostess of most delightful horse show box parties in Richmond, and has since entertained a number of Richmond girls at her country house parties in this State.

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Neckwear

For holiday gifts is in full bloom. The Prettiest Irish Crochet Jabots, Tabs, Collars, etc. Every article will be highly appreciated as a present or for personal use. Hand embroidered pieces included. Marabou Stoles shown here excel far above the ordinary. Prices the lowest.

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Black Lynx Throw Scarf, with shaggy satin lining..... \$30.
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Coat Sale at \$15

Which Are Superior to Any We Have Ever Offered Before at These Prices

We have been planning for months for your Winter Coat needs, and offer to-morrow at \$15 the greatest variety of desirable coats you have ever had the pleasure of making a selection from. They are all high-class in design. These coats have that touch of distinctiveness that most coats lack; and while no commonplace styles are shown, and all are decidedly stunning, there are many practical models for conservative buyers that have the new features without being extreme. They are carefully man-tailored, and style and usefulness have been our objects in their selection.



Caracul and Broadcloth Coats at \$15

The variety of designs is so great that Coats are shown in every style, with the high inconvertible collar, with the regulation coat collar, and in the flat effect without any collar; Empire backs, semi-fitting backs and even some loose backs are included in this varied showing, so there is no figure that cannot be suited. All are made of good broadcloth or caracul; some in black, others in colors; 36 to 50 inches in length. Heavy satin lined. You will wonder how they can be only \$15.

At \$20, \$25, \$35, \$45 to \$50

We are showing hundreds of pretty styles to select from at each price. Handsome models of Broadcloth, Bengaline, Caracul, Satin and Velour Coats, some suitable for street, semi-dress, afternoon and informal evening wear.

Also a Big Suit Sale

In connection with this Great Coat Sale we will continue the Suit Sale of last week. The response to the last Friday and Saturday normal offering was immense. To-morrow's Suit selling ought to break all of our former records. We specially purchased from a New York garment manufacturer his surplus and sample line of Women's Suits. They have a style and dash that put them in a class far above any you can ordinarily buy for these prices, and are worth your prompt response.

\$12.50 **\$15.00** **\$17.50** **\$35 Suits at \$22.50**
Suits Worth \$18.00 Suits Worth \$25.00 Suits Worth \$29.50

Leather Goods

Section offers many useful Xmas gifts, specially priced.

New Leather-Lined Black Leather Bags, both gilt and gunmetal trimming, strap handles, two sizes, for..... \$1.50
Beautiful line of Gentlemen's Leather Traveling Cases, nicely fitted with useful articles; prices from \$4.92 to..... \$8.50
Pretty Alligator Bags, in new designs; priced from \$5.00 to \$10.00.
New Persian Silk Elastic Belt, various style buckles, put up in fancy Xmas box; 75c value..... 48c

Holiday Handkerchiefs

We are making a special leader of Handkerchiefs, put up in boxes of half dozen, for the holiday trade.

Box containing six Beautifully Embroidered Handkerchiefs, good value, a box..... \$1.50
Pure Linen Ladies' or Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, six to a box..... 75c
Children's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, per box of three..... 25c
Ladies' Regular 25c Embroidered Handkerchiefs, in neat and showy designs; special 12½c
Shamrock Linen Plain and Cross-Barred Ladies' Handkerchiefs, with your initial; 10c kind..... 5c
Pure Linen Women's Handkerchiefs, strictly hand-embroidered..... 50c
Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, fancy lace edge, in many new patterns..... 25c

Children's Coats

Why mothers love to buy the little warm Coats at Kaufmann's is easily answered. Because experience teaches them to buy at the greatest and best children's store in Richmond.

Red Chincheilla Coat, heavy satin lined, black velvet collar and cuffs. This is an unusually good value; suitable for gift..... \$5.00

Xmas Umbrellas

We have gathered the most unique and novel ideas in Umbrellas for gift purposes. Few minutes spared in this section will convince you.

Umbrellas, with long mission wood handle and sterling silver initial on the side of the handle. First-class material. This is positively the newest creation. Special..... \$5.00
Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, with long Directoire handles, extra quality..... \$3.98
Many good values in moderately priced Umbrellas, gentlemen and ladies; \$1.50 kind, now..... 98c

Kimono Wrappers

At \$2.25 and \$3.98

Women can get great good out of these garments during the coming winter. For personal use or for holiday gifts. They are made of teakle-down and flannellette, in attractive Persian patterns, in pretty colors. Specially priced for holiday shopping, \$2.25 and \$3.98.

Trimmed Hats

Less Than Half Price

In order to gain room for our daily increasing holiday goods we are forced to make room at once; and to induce the quick clearance we have divided the different models in three prices:

\$3.75 **\$5.00** **\$7.50**
Hats Worth up to \$10 Hats Worth up to \$15 Hats Worth up to \$25

THE SALE STARTS TO-MORROW, and will continue through the balance of the week. To secure the choice you must come at once.

Circle of King's Daughters, of which Mrs. T. W. Pemberton is leader, "Ye Deestrick Skule of Ye Olden Times," with special features, will be given in Jefferson Hotel Auditorium on the evening of December 11th, at 8:30 o'clock. Several selections from the "Merry Widow" will be rendered by Mr. William Grigg.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a Beethoven musicale was given in the studio of Mr. Fred Hahr, No. 300 East Franklin Street, and proved most enjoyable. The program was admirably rendered: "Sonata Pathétique," Misses Edna Brown and Blanche Fore; "Sonata," Op. 26, Misses Beale Stearnes and Pattie Cary; "Moonlight," Sonata, Mr. Frank Neal Grigg; the wedding to be celebrated in the home of the bride at 5 P. M. Wednesday, December 10th, the Rev. John R. Davies, of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. Grigg is the Southern representative of the Adams & Westlake Company, of Philadelphia, and the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Agnew Grigg, of No. 1109 West Avenue. Before leaving for Philadelphia, Mr. Grigg was connected with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway here, and was very popular.

After January 1st Mr. and Mrs. Grigg will be at home at No. 2047 North Gratz Street, Philadelphia.

Will Go to Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutton C. Valentine, whose marriage took place recently in the parlors of the rectory of Sacred

Heart Cathedral, and who have returned from spending their honeymoon at Glendale, Md., will leave the 1st of January to make their future home in Columbus, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine, formerly Miss Nell Lee Murphy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Murphy, of Harrison Street. Mr. Valentine has been engaged in business in Richmond for several years, and has many friends here.

Entertained Elaborately.

Society maids and matrons of Smithfield, Va., gathered last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Barrow, who entertained very elaborately in honor of their

house guest, Mrs. J. D. Deal, of Emporia.

Mrs. Barrow was gowned in a sparkling robe, and wore diamonds. Her husband wore a Catawba gown of embroidered chiton and velvet, and her ornaments were diamonds. Miss Ives Barrow, gowned in lavender silk, and Georgia Barrow, in pink messaline, assisted their mother in receiving and proved themselves very graceful hostesses. During the evening an elaborate collation was served.

Those invited were Mrs. C. W. Warren, Mrs. Ben Edwards, Mrs. George Whitely, Mrs. Mollie Chalmers, Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mrs. Frank Taylor, Mrs. Calvin Jones, Mrs. E. W. Cofer, Mrs. C. W. Ames, Mrs. E. Snyder, Mrs. E. W. Williams, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. S. Riddick, Mrs. L. C. Brock, and Misses Underwood, Langhorne, Chalmers, Gold, Riddick, Harrison, May, Young, Lawson and Reid.

Enjoyable Dance.

The young ladies of Hanover gave a most enjoyable dance in the courthouse on last Friday night.

Music was furnished by a Richmond band, and rare refreshments were served.

Among those dancing were Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Ansell, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cardwell, Mrs. Williamson, of Norfolk; Misses Louise and Grace McKee, of Chicago; Katherine Vernon, of Bon Air, Va.; Virginia Haw, of Ashland; Susie Tyler, of Fredericksburg; Sallie Woolfolk, Mary O. Haw, Sallie and Fannie Lipscomb, of Hanover; Messrs. C. W. Taylor, Robert Winston, George E. Haw, Cardwell Taylor, Bryon Lipscomb, Keith Taylor, Lancy Jones, Andrew Woolfolk, Douglas Lipscomb, Jourdon Woolfolk, T. B. Sneed, of Richmond, and Dr. J. Wood Jordan. The chaperons were Mrs. John Woolfolk and Mrs. Edmund Winston.

Studio Talk.

The studio talk given by Miss D. Apperson to her friends at her studio in the Virginia Building last Thursday afternoon, from 5 to 6 o'clock, related to "Prehistoric and Primitive Art," and proved highly entertaining. Similarities between prehistoric and

present-day savages were pointed out, and the wonderful progress of art throughout the ages was indicated.

Stones and pictures, representing crude prehistoric attempts at art, were shown, and introduced a decidedly merry element into the discussion.

Display of Dolls.

The ladies of Grace Episcopal Church will be at home to their friends on Wednesday afternoon, December 10th, at 4 o'clock.

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Great Removal Sale.

We will move to 11 West Broad street about January 1st with extra large assortment of Patrician Shoes and Findings.

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